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Dear Gladys Atrill:

Thank you for your April 1, 2026, letter notifying me of the North Central Local Government Association's (NCLGA) resolution for manufactured homes and accessory dwellings in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). The resolution calls on the provincial government to increase the maximum allowable total floor area for manufactured homes as additional residences from 90 to 148 square meters on parcels less than 40 hectares.

The NCLGA's resolution states that manufactured homes are a common, affordable, and readily available option for housing in the north, and that in addition to the Agricultural Land Commission's (ALC) permitted 90 square meters total floor area maximum for additional residences, a 148 square meters maximum on parcels less than 40 hectares for standard-size manufactured homes would help "enhance the capabilities and resiliencies" of the NCLGA's associated municipalities and regional districts.

I appreciate the work that you and your NCLGA colleagues have undertaken in proposing this idea. Identifying this concern and expressing this possibility helps foster an engaged and valuable public discussion on the issue. I have no doubt that manufactured homes play a significant role in securing housing options across the province.

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The Ministry does not have any plans to revise the legislation that would implement this proposal at this time. As I am sure you are aware, the amendments made in 2021 to the *Agricultural Land Commission Act's* Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation (B.C. Reg. 30/2019) considerably expanded housing options allowed without approval from the ALC on the provincial ALR.

More specifically, those changes increased housing options to allow for a second residence on each parcel, such as a garden suite, accommodation above an existing building, or a manufactured home (removing the previous immediate family limitations). Further to this, the additional residence maximum total floor area of 90 square meters for parcels 40 hectares or smaller also expands to 186 square meters on parcels greater than 40 hectares. Further to that, secondary suites continue to be allowed in the principal residence, with farmers being able to request approval for more housing if necessary for farm use by application to the ALC. These practical criteria contribute substantially to finding meaningful solutions to B.C.'s housing crisis.

Nonetheless, from an agricultural perspective, these changes can also impact lands identified in legislation as having agriculture as its priority use. Additional housing on the ALR can potentially impact every property's existing or potential agricultural viability, and the cumulative consequences can be substantial.

I continue to support the current, and balanced, approach in addressing both provincial long-term housing needs and protecting BC's limited farmland across the province.

Thank you again for your letter and bringing this proposal to my attention.

Sincerely,



Honourable Lana Popham
Minister